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SUBJECT: FULBRIGHT COMMISSION PROPOSAL FOR PROGRAM YEAR
1976

PLEASE PASS TO FULBRIGHT COMMISSION:

THE BOARD OF FOREIGN SCHOLARSHIPS APPROVED THE COMMISSION
PROGRAM PROPOSAL FOR 1976 ON SEPTEMBER 12, 1975 WITH THE
FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS:

1. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- THAT THE BOARD OF FOREIGN SCHOLARSHIPS APPROVE IN
PRINCIPLE THE PROGRAM PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY THE COMMISSION
FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND
URUGUAY, SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS. NOT ALL
PROJECTS AND OTHER EXPENSES DESCRIBED IN THE PLAN WILL
NECESSARILY BE ACTED UPON OR FUNDED IN THE AMOUNT REQUESTED.

2. PROGRAM DISCUSSION:

- THE DEPARTMENT AND THE BOARD SUPPORT THE COMMISSION S
PROGRAMS IN EDUCATION AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION. THE
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LONG-RANGE IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED GRANTS, BOTH FOR

URUGUAYAN AND UNITED STATES GRANTEES, WOULD BE MUCH GREATER IF THEY WERE OF LONGER DURATION. HOWEVER, BOTH THE BOARD AND THE DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZE THAT THE SELECTION OF PROJECTS AND DURATION OF INDIVIDUAL GRANTS ARE TO A CONSIDERABLE EXTENT DETERMINED BY SPECIAL FACTORS BEYOND THE COMMISSION'S CONTROL. LONGER-TERM GRANTS SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE THE GOAL. ONLY THROUGH THESE TYPES OF GRANTS CAN THE PROGRAM OBJECTIVES FOR ACADEMIC EXCHANGES BE MOST FULLY REALIZED. IF LONGER-TERM GRANTS CANNOT BE MADE IN THE 1977 PROGRAM, IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO REDUCE THE SIZE OF THE COMMISSION'S PROGRAM.

THE PROPOSED 28-DAY TRAVEL GROUP PROGRAM OUTLINED IN SECTION II-B (PROJECT NO. 3) IS NOT APPROVED FOR PROGRAM YEAR 1976 IN THE ABSENCE OF FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW THE PROGRAM MIGHT BE CARRIED OUT IN THE UNITED STATES. AS INDICATED IN THE JOINT REVIEW ANALYSIS OF THE COMMISSION'S 1975 PROGRAM PROPOSAL, SHORT-TERM FAMILIARIZATION TRAVEL IS NORMALLY POSSIBLE WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THE EMBASSY'S INTERNATIONAL VISITOR GRANT PROGRAM. A TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO THIS LATTER PROGRAM SHOULD BE DISCUSSED WITH THE EMBASSY. ALTERNATIVELY, A RESEARCH GRANT FOR A URUGUAYAN SOCIAL WELFARE EXPERT MIGHT BE CONSIDERED FOR FUTURE, OR PERHAPS A STUDENT GRANT IN THAT FIELD.

GIVEN THE COMMISSION'S PRIORITY LISTING OF PROJECTS AND THE ANTICIPATED BUDGET LEVEL, NO FUNDS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR A GRANT TO DR. JOHN RIGDEN. SHOULD THE COMMISSION DESIRE TO INCLUDE THIS PROJECT IN THE 1977 PROGRAM, A REQUEST FOR AN EXCEPTION TO BFS SECOND GRANTS POLICY (624.2E) SHOULD BE SUBMITTED.

THE VETERINARY SCIENCE PROJECT WILL BE SUPPORTED PROVIDED FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE. THE COMMISSION SHOULD PLAN TO PHASE OUT SUPPORT OF THIS PROJECT THIS PROGRAM YEAR.

3. BUDGET

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- THE BUDGET IS APPROVED AS PRESENTED SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.

THE DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE THE COMMENTS OF THE COMMISSION ON THIS ANALYSIS BY OCTOBER 31, 1975. KISSINGER

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